



CONGRESS EMPOWERS PRESIDENT WILSON TO USE FORCE IN MEXICO

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WILSON HOPES TO AVERT WAR
SITUATION DEMANDS FIRMNESS
SETTLEMENT MAY YET BE MADE

Americans Are the Friends of Mexican People Declares President to Newspaper Correspondents.

U. S. DIGNITY TO BE UPHELD

Dictator Will Be Compelled to Recognize American Honor—President Unwilling Because Country Is Engulfed in a Wave of Patriotism—He Is Not Enthusiastic for War.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The remarkable statement by President Wilson to correspondents was the central feature of the Mexican situation today, pending the reading of a more formal address to congress, scheduled for 3 p. m.

In his talk the president deprecated the feeling, he said, as he discerned it, that the United States and Mexico were on the verge of war. This is not true, he declared, as Americans are the friends of the Mexican people. It wasn't, he told his audience, to make but to prevent war that such vast preparations were made and it handled firmly and promptly he did not believe it was war that the situation led.

President Wilson received correspondents immediately after conferring with Secretary Bryan, following the president's return from White Sulphur Springs.

He said he didn't believe the mass of Mexicans would support Huerta, but made it plain that he intended to compel the dictator to respect American honor and dignity. The president is going to lay the case before congress this afternoon. The issue, he declared, is between the United States and a person calling himself the provisional president, whom the United States never recognized.

The president added that he was uneasy because he was afraid the United States is being engulfed in a wave of patriotism which would engender an enthusiasm for war. He is not enthusiastic for war but told visitors he did intend that America's honor and dignity should be respected regardless of the cost.

However, said the president, the situation need not lead to war. The United States, he reminded his hearers, often had enforced its demands by blockades and has even bombarded and destroyed towns without formally declaring war. This has encouraged the president to believe that after congress has authorized them, he could take steps to drive Huerta from his position of defiance without a declaration of hostilities.

The president impressed the newspapermen that he didn't want them to get the impression there was any intention of fighting the Mexican people.

Events of the day or hour, the president said, might change the situation, and he is making plans accordingly, hour by hour. In effect he declares that what he wanted from Huerta was a full recognition of the honor and dignity of the United States together with an adequate guarantee that such things as the Tampico incident wouldn't occur again. The president remarked that his Mexico City advisers were to the effect that foreign diplomats there are urging Huerta to yield.

The army and navy, he said, will be held in check, awaiting developments. The president urged the correspondents to remember that the administration has not lost patience and that to lose patience would be weakness.

ILLINOIS WILL SEND 175,000 MEN TO FRONT

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 20.—In a statement issued today Governor Dunne announced that Illinois will send 175,000 men to the front in the event of war with Mexico.

\$50,000,000 FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE NATION

WASHINGTON, April 20.—A bill appropriating fifty million dollars for the president to "use at his discretion for the national defense" was introduced in the senate by Chamberlain.

NEWS SUMMARY

General.
 Congress empowers Wilson to use force in Mexico.
 Atlantic fleet increases speed to Tampico.
 President says there is no fight against Mexican people but only against Huerta.

Local.
 State board officials inspect state hospital and warmly compliments management.

Governor West back of Dr. C. J. Smith for governor.
 Mrs. Mildred McFadden found guilty in 20 minutes.

Mrs. J. B. Switzer reported to be critically ill.
 Smith and Stangier pay fines of \$150 each.

Pendleton opens series with Walla Walla here tomorrow.
 Local Blue Mountain leaguers lose to Weston by one point margin.

WELL KNOWN-ATHENA MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN BED

(Special Correspondence.)
 ATHENA, Ore., April 20.—Owen Ruste, Athena shoemaker and proprietor of the opera house, was found dead in his bed at a local hotel at 10 o'clock Sunday afternoon. He is thought to have died of heart failure and had been dead about 12 hours when found. He was a bachelor.

The Danson basket factory at Bay City has several large contracts from florists.

WOOD TO COMMAND INVADERS

MAJOR GENERAL IS READY TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN OF ARMY

Secretary of War Garrison Announces Plan in Case Hostilities With Mexico are Begun.

GALVESTON, April 20.—The Fifth Brigade will be the first troops to touch Mexican soil. Orders for the brigade to embark on transports tomorrow were received this afternoon from the war department. All the troops of the second division now on a practice hike to Houston have been recalled. Following the departure of the Fifth Brigade passenger steamers will be used to transport troops from here.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Major General Wood will command the United States invading army if such a move is ordered, was the announcement made today by Secretary Garrison. Wood's term as chief of staff expires tomorrow.

Garrison wouldn't say whether Wood will leave for the border tomorrow. "If the need arises, General Wood will take hold of Texas City," said Garrison. "During the last four years Wood, as chief of staff, has supervised preparations for a strategic Mexican campaign and is regarded as being the ideal man for assuming command of the army in the field."

INDUSTRIAL WORKERS MAY STRIKE TO PREVENT WAR

NEW YORK, April 20.—That there will be a general strike of the industrial workers of the world if necessary to prevent a war between the United States and Mexico and that

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REAR ADMIRAL BADGER



The United States admiral who is hastening to Tampico to compel Huerta to respect the American flag.

PROMINENT RESIDENT OF UMATILLA COUNTY DIES

(Special Correspondence.)
 ATHENA, Ore., April 20.—E. J. Watts, pioneer resident of Umatilla county and the father of Marvin Watts and Homer I. Watts, died here early this morning at the age of 83. Mr. Watts came to this county in 1870.

He crossed the plains by ox team three different times, his first trip across being in 1853. Aside from the two sons the deceased is survived by a daughter now living at St. Johns, Oregon. The funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning.

GOVERNOR WEST WANTS DR. SMITH AS SUCCESSOR

PREDICTS HARD FIGHT IN PRIMARY BUT SUCCESS FOR LOCAL MAN.

That Dr. C. J. Smith is leading in the race for the democratic nomination for governor and will win the primary contest is the view of Governor Oswald West as expressed last evening. Governor West is earnestly supporting Dr. Smith's candidacy and is doing so chiefly because of the doctor's strong stand for law enforcement.

"I believe, however, Dr. Smith will have the hardest fight in the primary," said Governor West last evening. If he is nominated he will be elected.

Acting on this suggestion, local friends of Dr. Smith are making every effort to secure a good democratic registration so as to assure Dr. Smith of all possible support in the primary election.

SMITH AND STANGIER EACH PAYS HIS FINE OF \$150

D. G. Smith, proprietor of the O. K. barber shop and cigar store, and George Stangier, proprietor of another Main street cigar store, this afternoon each paid a \$150 fine in the circuit court after pleading guilty to the charge of permitting gambling in their houses. This action follows the sustaining of the demurrer to the perjury indictments against them. Judge Phelps last week upholding the contention of their attorneys that their constitutional rights had been violated when they were required to appear before the grand jury to testify in cases in which they themselves might be incriminated.

The first unit of the Beaver State Motorcar factor at Gresham is completed and machinery being installed. The Springfield Provision Co., will establish a \$40,000 packing plant.

HUERTA IS MAN WHO MUST GO IN MEXICO; PRESIDENT IS CLEAR SPOKEN ON THIS POINT IN HIS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Wilson Empowered to Use the Army and Navy of the United States to Enforce the Demands Made Against the Mexican Dictator--In Message of 1000 Words the Chief Executive Outlines His Plan.

FIGHT IS NOT AGAINST MEXICAN PEOPLE HE DECLARES BUT TO RESTORE TO THEM THEIR OWN COUNTRY

Warmest Friendship is Expressed for Mexico's Citizens—Huerta's Insults to United States Must Stop Now to Prevent Future Outrage Which Would Make an Armed Conflict Unavoidable.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The text of the resolution drafted by the house foreign affairs committee in support of the president's plea for authority to use the army and navy in the crisis with Mexico follows: "Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States in congress assembled, that the president be

and is hereby justified to employ the armed forces of the United States to enforce the demands made upon Victoriano Huerta for unequivocal refusal to make amends to the government of the United States for the affronts and indignities committed against this government by General Huerta and his representatives."

dictator's underlings and if these are not stopped now, he said, he feared some crowning outrage would render an "armed conflict" unavoidable.

This was the undercurrent that ran all through his address—he was acting in the interests of peace, not of war. But for all of that, it was "war" that nearly every listener interpreted his remarks to mean.

That the United States had any thought of selfish aggrandizement in Mexico he emphatically denied. His only thought, he asserted, was to give the country back to its own people. The message was brief, about 1000 words.

The president appeared before the two houses exactly at 3. His face was set in grim lines. He was paler than usual, but his voice was clear and his enunciation perfect.

In part of his speech asking the approval of congress for the use of the army and navy the president said: "I therefore, come to ask your approval that I should use the armed force of the United States in such a way and to such extent as may be necessary to obtain from Huerta and his adherents the fullest recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States, even amidst the distressing conditions now unhappily obtaining in Mexico."

Troops Embark.
 HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—All the troops at Galveston have been ordered to board transports. The fifth brigade is enroute, to join them. The fourth and sixth brigades are on the march and will reach Texas City from here, Wednesday noon.

Battleship Sails.
 PENSACOLA, April 20.—The battleship Mississippi, carrying 700 marines has sailed for Tampico.

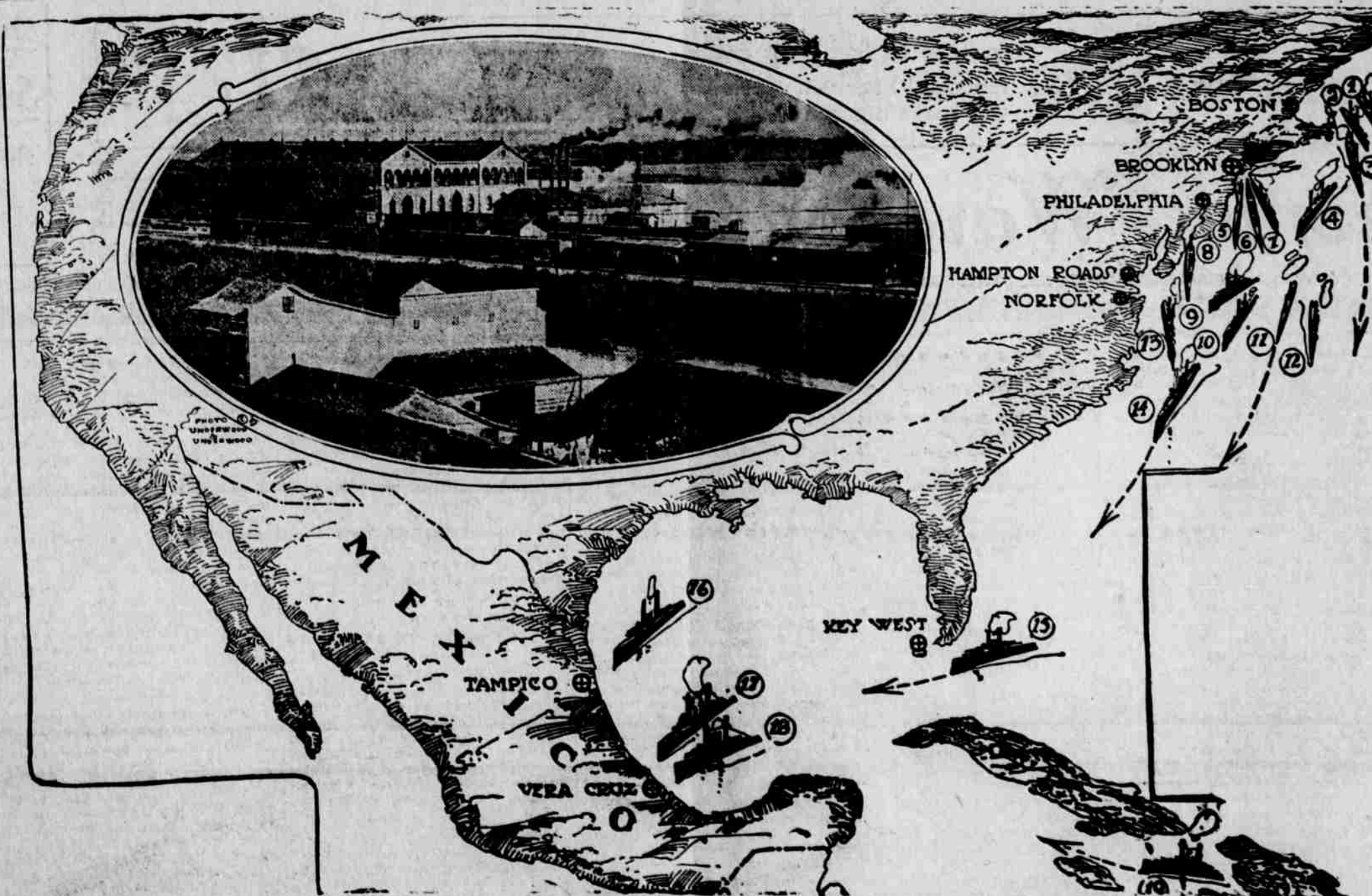
Leave for Border.
 SAN DIEGO, April 20.—Two companies of the coast artillery left Fort Rosecrans today bound for the Mexican border. The hundred and fiftieth company marched direct to Tijuana where camp was pitched. The twenty-eighth company went to Tecate by automobile.

Huerta Will Not Yield.
 MEXICO CITY, April 20.—Two trainloads of Americans started today for Vera Cruz. Others have arranged to leave. By nightfall it is believed a general exodus will be in progress.

Despite the perils of the situation 200 Americans danced at the American club until midnight. Five hundred men and 200 women and children make up the American colony here. At Guadalajara are 400 more Americans, whom Consul General Shanklin warned last night of conditions.

Minister Rojas summoned all the American correspondents in the city and issued a formal statement to the effect that it was impossible for Mexico to yield to the Washington demands.

HOW THE UNITED STATES FLEET IS RUSHING TO TAMPICO AND VIEW OF MEXICAN SEAPORT



The inset photograph shows the custom house at Tampico and the railroad. The fleet was distributed as follows when orders came to rush to Mexican waters: At Boston navy yard (1) Virginia, (2) Georgia (3), Nebraska, (4) Rhode Island. At Brooklyn navy yard, (5) Wyoming, (6) North Dakota, (7) Louisiana. At Philadelphia navy yard, (8) Michigan. At southern drill grounds off Chesapeake Capes, (9) Vermont, (11) Kansas, (12) Delaware. At Hampton Roads (13) Arkansas. At Norfolk navy yard, (14) New Hampshire. At Key West, (15) Connecticut. At Tampico, Mexico, (16) Minnesota. At Vera Cruz, (17) Florida, (18) Utah. At Port Au Prince, Haiti, (19) South Carolina.